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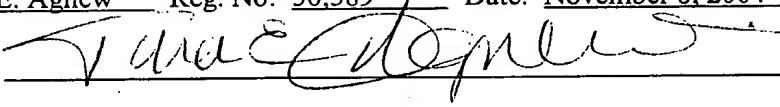
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Total Effective Claims	<u>26</u>	minus	<u>26</u>	=	<u>0</u>	X \$18 =	\$ <u>.00</u>
Independent Claims	<u>4</u>	minus	<u>3</u>	=	<u>1</u>	x \$88 =	\$ <u>88.00</u>
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**PATENT**  
**ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: BAL-36 (BA-00170)**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants:	Rouns, et al.	)	Examiner:	Ann Y. Lam
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Appl. No.:	09/733,161	)	Art Unit/T.C.:	1641
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Filed:	December 8, 2000	)	Deposit Acct. No.:	04-1403
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Title:	Silicone Elastomer Material For	)	Customer ID.:	22827
	Use With Enteric Feeding Device	)		
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 19, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the **Listing of the Claims**, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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